

DEMOCRACY

PARTY OF LIBERTY AND EQUAL RIGHTS.

Platform of Principles As Adopted At the Territorial Convention At Roswell, June 10th.

Endorse Great Champion of the People's Rights, William J. Bryan—Scathing Denunciation of Election Frauds and Proofs Cited—Nominations by Direct Vote Approved—Demands Single Statehood—Position of the Party on Other Important Questions Stated in Straightforward Way.

"EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL."

We, the Democrats of New Mexico, in delegate convention assembled at Roswell, again renew our pledge of allegiance to those fundamental principles of Democracy as originally enunciated by our first great leader, Thomas Jefferson, chief among which is contained in the maxim: "Equal rights to all, special privileges to none." We believe this maxim, rightly applied, is capable of solving all the great questions which are now agitating the minds of the American people; the reform of the tariff, the suppression of the trusts, the regulation of the railroads and the attitude of our government towards imperialism.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

We recognize that the Democracy of the United States has today many tried and trusted leaders, any one of whom would faithfully fill the office of chief magistrate of this great nation, but we cannot fail to recognize the further fact that there is one Democratic leader who, above all others, has identified himself with all the reforms now demanded by our party and who has endeavored himself to lead the people to these reforms. We believe that the nomination of William Jennings Bryan by the Democratic convention at Denver is demanded by every consideration of political principle and party policy.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the delegates to be selected by this convention to represent the Democracy of New Mexico at the Democratic national convention to be held at Denver on July 24th, 1908, be and they hereby are instructed to vote for William Jennings Bryan as the candidate of our party for the presidency of the United States so long as his name is before the convention.

REPUBLICAN MISRULE.

Public office is a public trust, and no man is worthy of any office, either elective or appointive, who does not appreciate the obligation he is under, not alone to his party, but to the whole people whom he serves, to faithfully and impartially discharge all of his official duties, and we condemn the Republican party of this territory for its disregard of this principle, for its maladministration, corruption and ring rule, except for that brief period of time during which one chief executive of the territory was endeavoring to adhere to and carry out some of the principles of government we advocate and endorse, and which efforts resulted in his removal from office by a Republican president.

ELECTION FRAUDS.

We call the attention of the executive and of the judicial departments, and of the people of this territory generally, to the many open, shameful and defiant frauds and violations of our election laws that have disgraced our public elections in this territory in the past, and notably at the last general election. It was conclusively proved by legal and competent evidence, and was not denied, that in the coal camps of Colfax county the polls were established by the order of the commissioners of the said county on the private lands of the respective companies owning and operating coal mines; that the managers of said companies arbitrarily refused to allow any Democrats to be present at the polls in said coal camps on election day; that in some of said coal camps Democratic challengers were subjected to indignities and forcibly ejected from said camps by deputy sheriffs acting under instructions from the managers of said companies; that the ballot boxes were stuffed and the registration and poll books were padded and hundreds of foreigners were compelled to vote the Republican ticket under threats of discharge. We call attention to the fact that these arbitrary acts have been continuously practiced in Colfax county for the past eight years until they have ripened into an established system.

The undisputed record of the county of Valencia in election matters for the past quarter of a century has been a stigma and a reproach upon the fair

name of New Mexico. It is a proven and established fact that it is not even required that the voters should go to the polls in that county, but that the officers of the election board cast the ballots for all the absentees, while in some instances the registration lists are copied into the poll books in strict alphabetical order. At the last election in this county and in Torrance county, Republican ballots were substituted in place of Democratic ballots actually cast, and in one precinct in the latter county the judges of election openly refused to permit any Democratic ballots to be cast.

The foregoing instances are but a few of the many open and defiant violations of our election laws, and it is humiliating to be compelled to acknowledge that with the single exception of Mr. Frank W. Clancy, district attorney of the second judicial district, no action has ever been taken by any Republican official, national or territorial, to stop these abuses or to punish the offenders.

We demand, and if entrusted with the power, we pledge ourselves to a strict enforcement of the election laws by the courts and prosecuting officers.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

We are heartily in favor of the nomination of all party candidates by a direct vote of the people at primary elections held for that purpose under the sanction of the law, and hereby pledge our representatives in the next legislature to work and vote for such a law.

SALARY SYSTEM.

We believe that all county officers should be paid fixed salaries, instead of fees or commissions, for all services required of them by the government.

FOREST RESERVES.

We condemn the policy of the federal government in prohibiting the free grazing of live stock in the forest reserves of the territory, as unwarranted and arbitrary; such policy tends to injure and destroy the interests of many small live stock raisers and may create a monopoly of that industry by the very few wealthy owners of sheep and cattle. The conservation of our timber in such reserves and the wise regulation of its use in order to prevent its waste and destruction, is a commendable economic measure, but the free use of the lands in such reserves for the grazing of live stock under suitable regulations, does not in any manner interfere with the proper care and protection of the timber growing therein, and we pledge the best effort of our candidate for delegate to congress to secure the removal of pasture charges.

RAILROAD COMMISSION.

We recognize that under an act of congress the interstate commerce commission has complete jurisdiction to regulate rates to be charged by common carriers doing business in New Mexico. We charge that in numerous instances such rates are not only excessive and exorbitant, but grossly unjust, and are done through discrimination. We therefore favor the creation of a commission by legislative enactment whose duty it shall be to investigate the facilities furnished, rates and discrimination and where justice is being done any citizen or community, present such grievances to the interstate commerce commission for adjustment. The commission so to be created should be composed of persons identified with the principal commercial and industrial interests of the territory, and funds should be provided so that every citizen or locality may obtain just treatment from common carriers at public expense.

STATEHOOD.

We favor and demand the admission of New Mexico into the Union as a state. For about twelve years the president and both houses of congress of the United States have been dominated by the Republican party, and during all that time the people of New Mexico have been begging and praying for statehood. All our appeals have been in vain. We therefore charge that all declarations of the national Republican party in favor of statehood for New Mexico are not sincere, but made for the purpose of influencing territorial elections, and we regretfully express it as our profound conviction that New Mexico will never obtain statehood except at the hands of a national Democratic administration.

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ORDINANCE No 85.

An Ordinance Pertaining to Bawdy Houses, and to regulate houses of prostitution in the Town of Carlsbad.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Carlsbad, as follows:—

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to set up, open or keep a brothel, bawdy house, house of assignation or prostitution in the Town of Carlsbad, within seven hundred feet of any school house, college, seminary or other institution of learning, or any church, opera house, theater or hall of any benevolent or fraternal society or other place of public assemblage. Any person or persons violating this provision shall, on conviction thereof be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail or town prison for a period not exceeding 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court trying the case.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, either keeper or master or mistress to open up in the town of Carlsbad, or within one mile thereof, any bawdy house, house of prostitution, brothel or house of assignation, or any place where lewd women, commonly known as prostitutes shall assemble and practice lewdness or prostitution, until such person, keeper, master or mistress of such place shall apply for and obtain from the recorder of said town a permit in writing describing the place and giving the name of the person to open and run such place, and shall pay for such permit, the sum of Ninety Dollars annually, payable at the rate of \$7.50 per month, monthly in advance.

Section 3. Any person who may occupy any of the places named in section 2 of this ordinance for the purpose of prostitution, or who may practice lewdness or prostitution within the limits of the town of Carlsbad, or within one mile thereof, shall before becoming an inmate of such place or places mentioned in section 2 of this ordinance, apply in writing to the recorder of said town for a permit, which permit shall give the name of such person and the place where she expects to reside, and she shall pay for such permit the sum of Sixty Dollars annually, to be paid at the rate of \$5.00 per month, payable monthly in advance. And it is hereby made the duty of the marshal of said town to collect or assist in collecting fees for permits required by this ordinance.

Section 4. Any saloon or place where drinks are served, frequented by women having the general reputation of being prostitutes within the town of Carlsbad or within one mile of the limits of said town shall be considered bawdy houses, brothels, houses of assignation or prostitution within the meaning of this ordinance, and any proprietor or keeper of any saloon or other place where drinks are served and where women commonly known as prostitutes frequent, shall be subject and liable to any and all of the penalties of Section 1 of this ordinance.

Section 5. Any person violating the provision of this ordinance by opening, conducting or keeping, occupying or using for any of the purposes specified in Section 2 of this ordinance any house or other place of the character mentioned in section 2 within the limits of said town of Carlsbad, or within one mile of said limits without complying with the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as provided in section 1 of this ordinance and all fines penalties and fees for permits collected under the provisions of this ordinance shall be paid into the treasury of said town. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after 5 days after its publication. And all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed by the mayor and board of trustees of the town of Carlsbad, New Mexico, this 6th day of July, 1908.

JAMES M. DYE,
Mayor of the Town of Carlsbad,
New Mexico.

Attest:
J. B. HARVEY,
Recorder.

Approved on the 6th day of July, 1908.

JAMES M. DYE,
Mayor of the Town of Carlsbad,
New Mexico.

KILLING AT DURAN.

Peace Officer Shoots Drunken Saloon Keeper After Being Badly Wounded Himself

At four o'clock Monday at Duran, N. M., 128 miles north of Alamogordo, J. M. Miller shot and instantly killed Chaves de Marques. The bad blood which resulted in the killing had its origin Saturday night. Chaves is proprietor of a saloon and dance hall, and on last Saturday night the crowd at this resort was exceedingly loud and boisterous. Miller, who is night watchman and a deputy sheriff, went over and notified Chaves that the place must be con-

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ducted along more orderly lines, or complaint would be filed and the license revoked.

Monday afternoon about four o'clock Chaves came down town and, displaying a gun began making threats against Miller. A business man went to Miller and told him of Chaves actions. Miller immediately came to Chaves, and as a peace officer ordered Chaves to give up the gun. Instead of complying, Chaves declared he would kill the man who touched him. Miller deputized J. D. Taylor, a bystander to assist, and the two took the gun from Chaves. Miller then placed Chaves under arrest and started for the lock-up, when Chaves pulled a 38 Colts mounted on a 45 frame, from his left side, and without even turning, fired over his right shoulder at Miller, who was just in the rear, the bullet striking Miller in the right shoulder, disabling his "gun arm." Chaves then turned and began firing, and Miller for protection began circling him, and trying to draw his gun with his left hand. Another bullet from Chaves' gun struck Miller in the right groin, but he finally succeeded in pulling his own gun and opened fire with his left hand, firing five shots, four of which struck Chaves, one penetrating the heart, killing him instantly.

Miller telegraphed W. E. Dudley, sergeant of the mounted police, who happened to be then at Carrizozo. Sergeant Dudley started at once for Duran, and arrived just a few hours after the shooting occurred. Dudley quickly realized that if held at Duran for trial, without adequate surgical attention, Miller might die from blood poisoning, so he wired Judge Mann at Alamogordo, for an order to bring the wounded man to the hospital at Alamogordo for safe keeping and surgical attention. Judge Mann

immediately wired the order, and Dudley brought Miller in on No. 3, Tuesday afternoon. The wound in the groin is a serious one in that it would be hard to control in case blood poisoning should set up. Miller is an old time cow man and is held in the highest esteem throughout this section. He was some years ago in the employ of Nations at El Paso. Chaves de Marques was a reputed booze fighter, and bore the reputation generally of being a bad man. He was somewhat under the influence of whiskey when the shooting occurred. The killing was witnessed by seven or eight parties and the trial will be merely a matter of form. Mrs. Miller came up from El Paso on No. 4 Tuesday afternoon, and is now with Mr. Miller at the hospital.

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